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UTS Submissions
Electricity Authority
Wellington

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9 August 2021 UTS Preliminary Decision Paper

I refer to the Authority's preliminary decision paper relating to the 9 August 2021 outages.

Contact has reviewed the preliminary findings. We agree with the Authority's conclusion that no UTS occurred in relation to trading periods 37 to 42 on 9 August, that decisions made were open to both the system operator and generators in the circumstances, the market operated as expected and there was no situation that threatened or may have threatened confidence in, or the integrity of, the wholesale market.

We also agree with the Authority's preliminary findings set out in paragraphs 8.31 – 8.34 that Contact's Taranaki Combined Cycle Plant (TCC) could not practically been made available in response to the 9 August forecasts.

We look forward to the Authority's rapid conclusion to this investigation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chris Abbott".

Chris Abbott
Chief Corporate Affairs Officer